Comptroller and Auditor General. Individual complaints on misuse of funds are dealt with by KVS in accordance with the relevant procedure.

Failure in basic education

2150. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why we have failed miserably in providing basic education to millions of children, inspite of our IITs and IIMs are recognized centres of excellence;

(b) whether it is a national disgrace; if so, whether Government are considering to improve the situation by providing basic education to the deprived class of millions of children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Since the inception of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme, in 2001-02, there has been an increase in enrolment of children in 6-14 years age group in schools/alternate schooling system and a reduction in out of school children from 3.20 crore in 2001 to approximately 75 lakh in April, 2007.

Consequent upon enactment of the Constitution (Eighty-sixth Amendment) Act, 2002, Article 21-A has been inserted in the Constitution, which makes education a Fundamental Right for children in the age group of 6-14 years by providing that "the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of six to fourteen years in such manner as the State may, by law, determine." Accordingly, a draft Model Right to Education Bill, spelling out broad parameters and features for achieving the constitutional mandate of free and compulsory education was drafted and circulated as framework to the States/UTs to seek their comments thereon.

Setting-up of additional Navodaya Vidyalayas

2151. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plans to set up additional Navodaya Vidyalayas throughout the country during 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details of financial allocations made by Government for this purpose; and

(c) the details of norms/guidelines being adopted by Government for setting-up of such schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Under the existing Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme, one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) is opened in